the unless we provide the infrastructure the entrepreneurs will not come forward to take the sheds. In the current year we propose to construc 750 industrial sheds under the General Programme at an estimated cost of Rs. 8 02 74 lakhs In addition, we thought that we should not always give a tendency or the rural people to come to urban areas, which will give rise to many problems We are launching an intensive Rural Industrialisation programme, and under this Programme many sheds will be constructed six in each legislator's constituency. and on the 18th of this month, one such estate will be inaugurated at Muddenahalli, the birth place of Sir M. Visvesvarayya, with the launching of this programme, we will be entering into a State wide programme of construction of mini sheds so that job opportunities and also industrial culture is created all over Karnataka.

SRI BAPU GOWDA.—Now the Government is constructing only industrial sheds. May I know that the Government is going to construct mini sheds in each and every taluk in this year itself?

SRI VEERAPPA MOILY.—I cannot say that this year itself the Government is going to construct mini sheds. We are putting up another industrial shed under the general programme at Shahabad in 26 acres of land, and that will be an ancillary industrial shed. The foundation stone for the construction of this ancillary industrial shed would be laid during the Intensive Industrial Campaign which will be held at Gulbarga and Bidar from 6th to 12th December 1976.

Facilities in KSRTC buses to long distance passengers

195. SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR (Kalagi)—Will the Minister for Transport and Tourism be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the additional facilities provided to the passengers by the KSRTC after raising the fares of ordinary and luxury buses in 1974 75;

(*b*) whether the KSRTC has any proposal to provide addition facilities to the passengers of long route luxury buses like providing drinking water and radios?

SRI M. MOHAMMED ALI (Minister for Transport and Tourism).—

(*a*) Fares have been revised for meeting the increased cost of operation. The increase in the fares is disproportionate to the increased cost of operation. The cumulative effect of increase in the cost of operation for 1974–75 & 1975–76 is an additional expenditure

of Rs. 10 Crores and by increase in the fares, an additional income is only about Rs. 4 Crores Therefore, the maintenance of present facilities and their further increase has become very difficult.

(*b*) The KSRTC has been directed to make arrangements to provide drinking water facilities on certain important places for long distance passengers and the other passenger amenities will be provided subject to the availability of funds.

SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR —My question relates to the providing of water and radio sets to the long distance travelling passengers. The reply given is water is being made available to these passengers I think there seems to be some misunderstanding in replying to my question.

†SRI M. MOHAMMAD ALI.—There is absolutely no confusion while replying to this question. I have given the facts and figures that the fare rise is not in proportion to the increase in the cost of operation. So far as drinking water facility is concerned even in buses, that is a matter for consideration. I shall suggest to the KSRTC to consider and provide it, particularly during summer it becomes a necessity.

SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR.—What about providing radios in the buses?

SRI M. MOHAMMED ALI —I do not think radio sets will serve much purpose because it becomes a problem to maintain it in good condition. Anyway this is a matter which requires careful consideration.

SRI M. S. KRISHNAN.—You have stated that the increase in fares is disproportionate to the increase in the cost operations is it the intention of the Government to meet the cost of operation by further increase in the fares?

SRI M. MOHAMMED ALI.—At present attempts are being made to absorb this additional cost of operation of Rs 6 crores by increased efficiency and reduing the cost of operations.

SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR.—As you must be aware that the Andhra Pradesh Government where such luxury buses are plying, they have provided radios also along with water in the buses. I do not think there will be any problem to provide such facilities in our buses?

SRI M. MOHAMMED ALI.—Water is a facility but radio a luxury. I hope the hon'ble member will appreciate the distinction between the two.